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**Desert Sun** (Ian James) [Received 5/15]—OPEN—Reporter was looking for a copy of Mike M.'s presentation in Calexico and asked for clarification on some numbers regarding water infrastructure in Mexicali we gave him a month ago. WTR, SoCal, Nahal Mogharabi.

**E&E News** (Ben Hulac) [Received 5/15] – OPEN – Reporter wanted some background/history of the Ordot Landfill on Guam. Asked the reporter to send specific questions so we can work on answers with Chris Lichens and Karen Ueno. SFD/LND, HI, Dean Higuchi

**CBS 13 Sacramento** (Jan) [Received 5/10] – (tent.) CLOSED – Daria Evans-Walker was contacted by CBS 13's consumer action program, Call Kurtis, regarding a member of the public who lives in Fresno County and is having issues related to his drinking water. Left a message with CBS 13 asking for more information; did not hear back. WTR, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**NPR, Flagstaff KNAU** (Ryan Heinsius ) – OPEN – Producer looking for information on Dine College grant award and Tetra Tech contract. Looking to identify contacts for Navajo Technical University and do a story on Navajos cleaning AUMS. Working with program to determine contacts. Navajo Nation, SFD, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 5/10] – OPEN – Reporter asked if EPA had a statement on Tetra Tech's announcement that the Navy is "open" to Tetra Tech's offer to pay for the retesting at HPNS. Reporter also had question about need for testing on parcels E2 and D. Provided initial response, reporter sent follow-up questions. Working with program to see if any additional response should be provided. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**SF Chronicle** (Cynthia Dizikes) [Received 5/4] - OPEN - After receiving R9's initial response to questions about Parcel A at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, reporter sent follow up questions. Checked in with program and determined we were not able to respond by reporter's deadline. Will work with program to determine if there is any follow up information we want to provide. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

Media coverage of San Francisco supervisors' hearing on Hunters Point Naval Shipyard:

- **SF Chronicle:** [In Hunters Point Shipyard cleanup scandal, supes push for redoing botched test](#)
- **NBC Bay Area:** [San Francisco Supervisors Kick Tetra Tech Official Out of Hearing on Hunters Point Cleanup Scandal](#)
- **ABC7 News:** [Hearing held to discuss SF Hunters Point toxic cleanup discrepancy](#)

- KTVU/FOX2: [SF supervisors question Navy about fraud in Hunters Point cleanup](#)
- KPIX/CBS: [Company Accused Of Fraud In Hunters Point Cleanup Grilled By Supervisors](#)
- SF Examiner: [City leaders echo residents' calls to retest Parcel A at Hunters Point Shipyard](#)
- Curbed SF: [Pelosi, Farrell lead calls to re-test housing at toxic Hunters Point shipyard](#)
- Bay City News: [Supes question Navy over cleanup fraud](#)

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Air Monitoring** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about our green air monitoring project and linked to our [A DIY Dream: Build Your Own Village Green Air Monitoring Station](#).

### Web Updates:

**Waste and Cleanup Content** – Redirected links from old web content to our [Land, Waste, and Cleanup Topics](#) site.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**EPA FY2019 Budget Update:** Both the Department of the Interior and EPA would escape harsh budget cuts proposed by President Trump under new House legislation. Yesterday evening, appropriators released the spending bill detailing how they plan to fund Interior and EPA in fiscal 2019. The measure would institute a \$100 million reduction on EPA, offering \$7.95 billion in fiscal 2019 for the agency. For fiscal 2018, EPA's budget is roughly \$8.05 billion. That would be a lighter trim compared with what President Trump has proposed for the coming fiscal year — \$6.15 billion, a nearly \$2 billion cut.

**House Appropriations Subcommittee Markup - FY 2019 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill - Text of Legislation:** <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP06/20180515/108314/BILLS-115HR-SC-AP-FY2019-Interior-SubcommitteeDraft.pdf>

**Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48):** A final response to an incoming letter from the Congressman regarding pervasive odors that appear to originate offshore of Huntington Beach, CA was finalized and signed by Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Deborah Jordan who is acting for Alexis while she is away from the office for final review and signature. A PDF copy of the signed letter was sent to the Congressman's District Director Kathleen Staunton. A copy of the incoming and outgoing response is available upon request to Brent Maier.

**Congressional Outreach on West Oakland Lead Study Factsheet:** Brent Maier shared a new joint EPA/DTSC fact sheet in English and Spanish on the Upcoming Lead Soil Study in West Oakland with Congressional staff in the offices of Rep. Barbara Lee and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

**Tomorrow - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – House Appropriations Committee:** The full House Appropriations Committee will hold a markup for three FY19 bills including the energy and water legislation that governs the Corps and could include policy riders targeting that agency's work with EPA on Clean Water Act jurisdiction.  
<https://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=395294>

**Tomorrow - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee:** On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing to review the FY2019 budget request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. EPA Administrator Pruitt is scheduled to testify. 9:30 a.m. ET in 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building. <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings>

**Tomorrow - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – House Energy & Commerce Committee:** The House Energy and Commerce Committee's environment panel will consider a bill to rework the Clean Air Act New Source Review (NSR) permit program during a May 16 hearing. The discussion draft legislation floated by Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-WV) builds on other bills he has introduced that aimed to make NSR implementation easier and cheaper for industry by excluding from NSR projects that reduce pollution, increase energy efficiency or do not result in increased maximum emissions rates of pollution. <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/legislation-addressing-new-source-review-permitting-reform/>

**Tomorrow - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – House Science Committee:** The full House Science Committee is holding a May 16<sup>th</sup> hearing on "Using Technology to Address Climate Change," with speakers drawn from research groups such as the Manhattan Institute, which has opposed EPA's climate rules, and the Breakthrough Institute, an environmental organization that favors nuclear power. <https://science.house.gov/legislation/hearings/full-committee-hearing-using-technology-address-climate-change>

**Tomorrow - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 - House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources:** The Subcommittee will hold a hearing on Rep. Gosar's bill entitled, "Legislative Hearing on the Tribal Jobs Protection and Energy Security Act ". Four utility owners decided last year to close the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) 25 years early after the plant's top customer, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD), announced cheaper power was available on the open market from natural gas and regional renewable energy. The plant and nearby Kayenta mine, which supplies all NGS coal, provide more than 800 jobs and 22 percent of the Navajo Nation's annual revenue, as well as more than 85 percent of the neighboring Hopi Tribe's revenue. Gosar's bill would require CAWCD to purchase as much power as possible from the NGS until it repays a \$1.1 billion debt to the federal government. The NGS would also be exempted from EPA's regional haze regulations if the Trump administration determines the rules "adversely impact employment," diminish any government revenue from coal mining or "increase the risk of rolling blackouts or brownouts and jeopardize the grid reliability of the United States." The bill would also exempt any regional haze determinations from judicial review, and it extends the environmental analysis under which the plant is currently operating through the end of 2019. 2:00pm ET. 1324 Longworth House Office Building. <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=404658>

#### **Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018 - The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:** The Committee has scheduled a May 17<sup>th</sup> hearing to continue work on S. 2800, its 2018 version of the biennial Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) that funds the Army Corps of Engineers' water infrastructure work. <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=FAE6C020-0E5B-4D16-953D-564691D195D5>

**Thursday, May 17, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission:** Purpose of Meeting: Relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2299) on the Tuolumne River, CA. Senior Managers of the Districts and the Commission want to follow up on a meeting they had with OW DA Lee Forsgren, and other EPA headquarters and regional staff in September, 2017, and a recent conversation they had with Administrator Pruitt and Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) regarding the use by the National Marine Fisheries Service of a 2003 EPA water temperature guidance for the Pacific Northwest, as opposed to a site-specific peer-reviewed temperature study done on the Tuolumne River, when developing mandatory conditions for the relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project. Expected Attendees: Casey Hashimoto, General Manager, Turlock Irrigation District (TID); Steve Boyd, Director of Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs, TID; Michelle Reimers, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs, TID; John Davids, Assistant General Manager, Water Operations, Modesto Irrigation District (MID); Bill Paris, Hydropower Counsel, MID; Gary Soiseth, Regulatory Administrator, MID; Michael Carlin, Deputy General Manager, San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC); Ellen Levin, Deputy Manager of Water, SFPUC; Joe Raeder, Washington Representative, MID & TID; Lori J. Pickford, Washington Representative, MID & TID; and Daryl Owen, Washington Representative, SFPUC. EPA Region 9 invitees include Water Division's Roger Gorke and Office of Regional Counsel's Laurie Kermish and Tom Hagler.

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - EPA HQ to Meet with Huntington Beach, CA Local Official:** On Wednesday, May 23, EPA headquarters and Region IX staff will meet with Councilmember Patrick Brendan to discuss the city's ocean odor issues.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is in the midst of an active investigation in the wake of concerns raised by residents and local officials. Region 9 Enforcement Division's Joel Jones and Andrew Chew and Air Division's Amy Zimpfer plan to participate in this HQ meeting via teleconference.

**Wednesday – Thursday, June 6 – 7, 2018 - Federal Partners Tour of Rio Salado Project:** Arizona State University and the Office of Senator John McCain are organizing a Federal Partners Tour of the 'Rio Reimagined' Rio Salado Project for all day Wednesday, June 6th and the morning of Thursday, June 7th in Arizona. Agenda includes both aerial and ground tours of the Salt River corridor, as well as meetings with municipalities and tribal communities who will review accomplishments and future plans for priority projects within the 'Rio Reimagined' project (website link embedded) boundaries. Agency partners at the county, state and federal level will join the tour as well. More specific information will be distributed via a meeting notice as the date approaches. <http://rioreimagined.org/>